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AMERICANS ARE NEARING ST. NAZAIRE

Mighty R Army Smashes German Vistula River Line

Advances To Within 91 Miles Of German Silesia; Other Groups In North East Prussia; Siege Of Warsaw Continues; Gains on Southern Front

By DANIEL DE LUCE
Moscow, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Russian hosts, after smashing the German Vistula river line, advanced swiftly today to within 91 miles of German Silesia, while other army groups in the north shelled towns and villages inside East Prussia from positions three miles from the frontier.

Russian forces moved within 56 miles of Krakow, fifth city of old Poland, over difficult hill country. In this area west of the Vistula.

London, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The German radio said tonight that Gen. George Lindemann, German commander in chief of the Baltic front, has "deserted to the Russians." He commanded the 16th and 18th armies, 20 to 30 of whose divisions were reported trapped by the Russian plunge to the Baltic sea.

Some 110 miles below beleaguered Warsaw, the Russians were within 30 miles of Tarnob and 28 of Koscio. (Pop. 50,000) last large Nazi bastion before Krakow.

Official sources were silent on the siege of Warsaw, where Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's army group was pulled up just east of the Polish capital. In the Baltic states, Russian tanks were patrolling the shores of the Gulf of Riga 25 miles west of Riga and Prava said they were striking both east toward that capital of 393,000 and also west toward Liepaja, Latvia's second city and a west coast seaport.

All along the 1,000-mile front from the Baltic to the Carpathians, the Germans were reported rolling up reserves, particularly in the Warsaw and Vistula breach area. Concentrations of the German army force appeared in a desperate attempt to check Russian lunges.

The belief in Moscow quarters was that the Vistula breakthrough might be the start of a serious German rout.

Russian planes as well as cannon strongly attacked East Prussian towns and lines of communication, despite poor flying weather.

Russian vanguards were within 93 miles of the provincial capital of (Continued on page three)

British Land On Dalmatian Island

London, Aug. 4.—(AP)—A British landing on the Dalmatian island of Korcula off the coast of Yugoslavia Wednesday was reported by the German high command today.

The broadcast communique said the amphibious operation, protected by destroyers and many fighter-bombers, was "followed by the garrison of the island after short but hard fighting."

But one fact remains: the war production job has to be done. Much of it has to be done by women.

So the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor has a few things to say which employers could heed to keep women working:

See that women workers wear the right kind of shoes. A survey of 1,000 women workers shows that there are 15 women with foot trouble for every man with foot trouble.

ALDERMEN IN BUSY SESSION

Budget Adopted; Swimming Pool To Close Next Week

By CHESTER WALSH
The Board of Aldermen last night finally approved the city's budget for the fiscal year 1945-46, which provides for an expenditure of \$150,174.24, based on a tax rate of 30 cents on the \$100 property valuation.

The city's budget for 1943-44 was \$142,623.42, with a 90-cent tax rate. In 1942-43 the budget was \$126,112.26, with a \$1 tax rate.

City Engineer Henry L. Rivers gave a verbal report of his drainage survey, which will eliminate flooding in some sections of the city. The cost is estimated at about \$100,000.

Present plans provide for the laying of a 42-inch line on Albemarle avenue from the National Biscuit company along the railroad to the river; a 36-inch line from a ditch on Fleming street along Davis street to the river, and a 36-inch line from 10th and Clark streets down Clark street to Green's mill run. These lines, Rivers stated, will considerably relieve the overflow during rainstorms.

Mayor Sugg reported that the State "Utilities" Commission had granted a charter to the Ricks Bus Lines of this city to operate passenger buses over the city's streets and to the county-city airport and the old NYA center. After approval by the Office of Defense Transportation the bus line will begin operation, it was stated.

City Attorney K. B. Lee advised the aldermen to deny the suit of Mamie Lee Garrett, negro, for injuries allegedly suffered when arrested by police for alleged disorderly conduct.

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Another German General Killed

London, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Von Drabisch-Waechter, German division commander, was killed near Caumont in France Wednesday, the German news agency DNB said today, quoting a high command communique supplement.

Previous to the German general's death he had been reported killed in Normandy. Two others and a rear admiral were captured at Cherbourg.

The Russians have announced the capture of 27 since their summer offensive opened June 23. Numerous others have been killed on the Russian front, in the German purge following the reported Hitler assassination plot, and in various "accidents."

More Polio.

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Nine new cases of polio were reported today to the State Health Department bringing the total since June 1 to 453. New cases: Burke 2, Buncombe 1, Caldwell 1, Cleveland 1, Guilford 1, McDowell 1, Stanly 2.

Today On The Home Front

By JAMES MARLOW

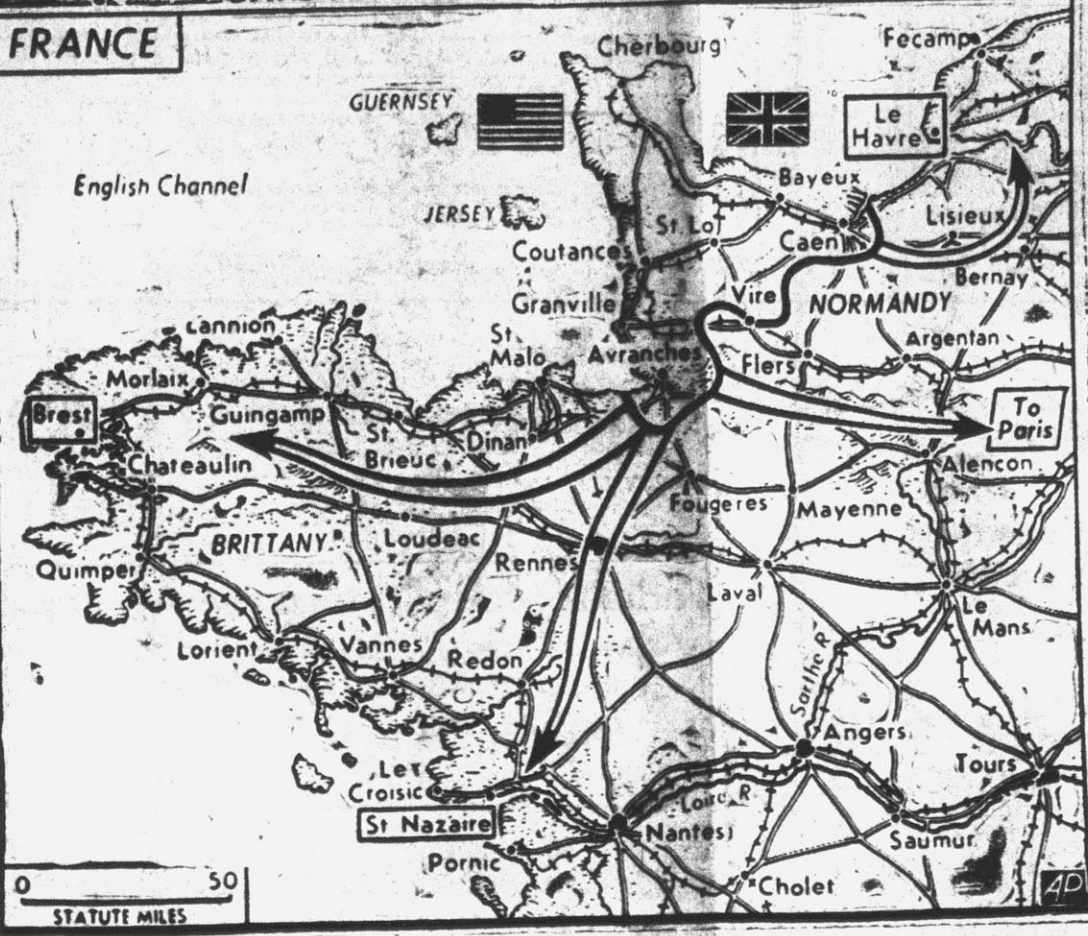
Washington, Aug. 4.—(AP)—This is a kind of last call to employers hiring women.

The army is demanding now the last ounce of devotion to war production. The war is yet to be won. Some authorities in this country warn against over-optimism. They say workers think the war is won and desert their war jobs for what they think are secure civilian jobs.

And Minister Churchill, talking rosy about an end of the war soon. This causes justified confusion on the American home front.

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Allies Nearing New Objectives In France



Allied troops, breaking out of the Normandy peninsula area of France, have four probable objectives (open arrows)—Brest, St. Nazaire, Paris, and Le Havre. Capture of Brest, St. Nazaire and Le Havre would give the Allies three more of France's greatest seaports for bringing in reinforcements and supplies. Dispatches from the front today said the Americans had driven to within 43 miles of the two big ports of Nantes and St. Nazaire and cut off most of the peninsula. (AP Wirephoto.)

ALLIES TAKE BURMA CITY

Myitkyina Is Captured After Prolonged Siege

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH
Southeast Asia Command Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, Aug. 4.—(AP)—American, Imperial and Chinese forces have captured Myitkyina, major Japanese base in northern Burma, after a bitter and bloody siege that began last May 17, it was announced today.

At least 3,000 Japanese were slain there during the 21-2 months of fighting. The last remnants of the garrison either were killed or captured in the final mop-up of this largest city in northern Burma.

The victory gave the Allies control of two Myitkyina airfields and (Continued on page four)

Poles Gain Upper Hand In Warsaw

London, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The Polish Telegraph agency said tonight that Gen. Bor's underground army inside Warsaw had captured the chief skyscraper in the capital, the 16-story Prudential building, the general post office, main power station and gas works.

"The battle is general and centers of action are all over the city with the exception of Zoliborz, where our troops were scattered by enemy armored units," Gen. Bor radioed from the beleaguered city, the agency said.

"The Polish flag is flying from all the captured buildings. The telephone exchange has been attacked several times but we have not succeeded in taking it so far."

"Now we have the initiative well in our hands. The population enthusiastically supports our fight. Streets are cut up by barricades. The entire Stare Miasto region, which is the old city of Warsaw, is in our hands."

Former Guardian Presidents Dead

New York, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Col. Edmund W. Starling, 69, guardian of five presidents before he retired as head of the White House detail of the U. S. Secret Service, died yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital. He had been under treatment there for pneumonia since July 14.

Col. Starling retired last November, after 25 years service during which he guarded Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt. In the 10 years before his retirement, Col. Starling supervised protection for the president. In addition, he investigated an average of 50 crank letters received daily at the White House.

Army Has Difficulties In Philadelphia Strike

Only Few Trolleys And Subways Operating; New Disorders; Government To Enforce No-Strike Law

Philadelphia, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Bands of strikers appeared at subway and elevated terminals today and threatened violence to a comparatively few operators heeding an army attempt to halt Philadelphia's three-day transportation tieup.

Only twelve elevated trains, seven subway trains and the trolleys on one route had operated up to 8 a. m., three hours after the army's deadline for resumption of service under an order from President Roosevelt seizing the lines in the name of the government.

Clashes between whites and Negroes—with one shooting—broke out again during the early morning. The stoppage began in protest against the transportation company's upgrading of Negroes to operating jobs.

Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes, commanding general of the Third Service Command, said that many workers tried to resume service but were kept from their jobs "by persons who are apparently more interested in aiding the Axis than in seeing to it that essential transportation is provided for Philadelphia's war workers."

Upon the army's request, police were assigned to ride all trolleys, buses, railway trains and "El" trains that might run to protect the operators against possible violence. At noontime—five and a half hours after an army back-to-work deadline—only 14 trains were in

Japs Face Alternative Of Death Or Surrender

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Two powerful traps today enmeshed more than 7,000 Japanese on Guam's north plateau and some 40,000 more in the British New Guinea jungles, with only death or surrender awaiting them.

Already the Japanese death toll in those areas is upwards of 26,000. On Guam, where 7,893 enemy dead have been counted, American marines and soldiers are pushing the desperately fighting Japanese toward the sea, with only eight miles to go.

In British New Guinea, where a Japanese army once 60,000 strong is caught between Australians at the Sepik river on the east and Americans below Aitape on the west, the starving and poorly supplied Nipponese are beating like waves on a rocky shore against the Americans.

"Heavy casualties were inflicted," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today concerning late developments "with an additional 602 enemy dead buried by our troops and the entire battle area littered with abandoned and uncounted enemy bodies."

The 602 made a total of 3,870 Japanese dead listed since the breakout attacks opened July 12, when they began, MacArthur said an estimated 15,000 previously had perished due to "starvation, starvation and constant air bombardment and attrition."

Added to all these dead were 5,000 estimated by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz to have been accounted for by marine conquerors of Tinian over which the American flag was raised formally Wednesday.

Four thousand civilians have been interned on Tinian and 7,000 on Guam.

Speeding Yanks Believed To Have Virtually Completed Severance Breton Peninsula

South Africans Reach Outskirts Of Florence

Germans Destroy Bridges Before Flight From Famed Art Center

By NOLAND NORGAARD
Rome, Aug. 4.—(AP)—South African troops of the British Eighth army entered the outskirts of Florence today and found five of the six bridges crossing the Arno river into the historic city had been destroyed by the retreating Germans.

The most noted of the bridges, the Pontevecchio, alone was left standing and it was blocked by the demolition of houses on both approaches.

Florence, a city of 322,000 population, had been stoutly defended by the Germans for weeks as one of the strongest outposts of their Gothic line in the Apennines rising to the north.

The Germans were on the run back through Florence, and their guns flashed from the peaks which rise behind the beautiful Tuscan city.

Nazi forces departed last night from a ridge south of the city. From that vantage point today AP Correspondent Lynn Heinzelner looked down on Florence and across the smoke of German guns just outside the city walls to pick out glistering search beams.

Some of the Allied troops were less than three miles from the city. Lt. Gen. B. C. Freyberg, commander of the New Zealanders, made plans for an entry by his troops, which have been on the go since the battle of Crete.

"Today's German communique said German troops had 'detached themselves toward a narrow bridgehead immediately south of Florence' and that renewed Allied attacks against this position were frustrated."

It declared—without Allied confirmation—that Allied artillery fire was directed "on the historic city with its irreplaceable cultural treasures."

The New Zealanders drove the Germans from high ground south (Continued on page two)

Twenty-Eight Die In Plane Accident

Atkinson, Neb., Aug. 4.—(AP)—Twenty-eight men, including 24 pilots being ferried from the Brunswick, Neb., army air base to the Pierre, S. D., army air base, and four crew members, were killed last night when their C-47 transport plane crashed, an investigating board of army officers learned today on arrival at the scene.

Bodies were being brought by horse and wagon from the wreckage a distance of two miles to the highway. Parts of the plane were scattered over two miles.

The scene of the crash was a hilly, rugged section of north central Nebraska not easily accessible

Many Targets In Germany Blasted

London, Aug. 4.—(AP)—More than 1,200 U. S. heavy bombers attacked a variety of targets in Germany today, including the Peenemunde experimental station where the enemy develops flying bombs and rockets.

About 1,000 fighters accompanied the bombers, making the armada 2,200 strong.

Other targets included: A fighter plant and airfield at Auklam, 47 miles northwest of Stettin.

An aircraft assembly plant at Rostock, at the Baltic 110 miles northeast of Berlin.

Port installations at the great naval base of Kiel.

An oil refinery at Bremen.

The planes made a flying round-trip of about 1,200 miles to the German Baltic coast town of Peenemunde, 100 miles north of Berlin.

Nazi Purge

(By The Associated Press)
London, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Berlin announced today a special court of honor had been set up to purge the German army of elements hostile to Hitler, and said 11 officers including a field marshal already had been fired or jailed.

The announcement said nine officers accused of participating in the plotting of the July 20 bomb attack upon Hitler were dead—four by their own hands and five by execution.

Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck, former army chief, was listed among the four "traitors who pleaded guilty by committing suicide."

The five officers—two to death, including Gen. Friedrich Olbricht and Count Claus von Stauffenberg—the latter allegedly placed the bomb aimed at Hitler—were "executed by shooting" the day of the assassination attempt, it was announced.

The ousted marshal was von Witzleben, one of the leaders in the storming of the Maginot line.

"The army has requested Hitler to carry out a purge in the army to cleanse it of the July 20 traitors," the broadcast announcement said and added that the Fuehrer had approved.

GERMANS MAY FLEE FRANCE

May Attempt Major Stand At Eastern Frontier

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Washington, Aug. 4.—(AP)—A general German withdrawal from France before the end of the present fighting season is expected by some military authorities here.

The political impact in Germany of so vast a retreat within the next two months or so, coupled with the enormous backward marches on the eastern front, may be enough to force the enemy's final surrender (Continued on page two)

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Onrushing U. S. Arm- or And Infantry Smashing Out New Gains All Over Brit- tany; British and Can- adians Driving Ahead on Other Sec- tors; Germans Re- treating

By GLADWIN HILL
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's dynamic team of armor and infantry has driven close to St. Nazaire and practically completed the slicing off of the Breton peninsula, it was indicated tonight.

The dazzling pace of the Americans, driving across Brittany in more than half a dozen directions, was believed to have established them in a much greater area than the 65 mile wedge, 30 miles wide, which official communiqués and latest war correspondents' reports showed.

The latest correspondents' dispatches said the doughboy line, spreading 20 miles southward of the central communications hub of Rennes, was within 43 miles of St. Nazaire, the Nazi U-boat base which British commandos partly wrecked in March, 1942, using an old U. S. destroyer as a time bomb.

These reports showed they were also 43 miles from the Loire river city of Nantes, while 27 miles west of Rennes they were approaching Mayenne, 108 miles from the French naval base of Brest.

The German radio, finding it hard to hold on even to the only stable stretch of the front, a 35-mile line below Caen.

Latest reports from that area said the Germans there, too, were in retreat, and that Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's second British army was within an ace of grabbing the stronghold of Villers-Bocage.

Twelve hundred yards north of Villers-Bocage, the British captured Villy-Bocage, a front report said.

Fall of St. Nazaire would open to the Americans the once great troop port through which many of the 2,000,000 American soldiers poured into France in 1917 and 1918.

Another American spearhead pushed to Barrenon, 24 miles southeast of Avranches and six miles beyond Mortain, lengthening the wedge driven between Brittany and Normandy, but pulled back slightly.

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Of course we don't know how strongly the ports of Brest, St. Nazaire and Lorient—our chief objectives—may be garrisoned. However, we get some measure of enemy weakness in our walk-over at the Breton capital of Rennes. This is a pivotal rail and highway center and the Nazis would defend it to the best of their ability.

If the Germans aren't already holding the ports strongly, their prospects are slim. By capturing Rennes the Americans have severed the main railroad into the peninsula and one column is thrusting swiftly across the base of the big triangle

RATION GUIDE

Gasoline—A-10 coupons expire on Aug. 8.
Meats—Red A5 through Z5, B3 and C5, good indefinitely.
Foods—B2, A8 through Z8 and A5, B5, C5, D5 and F5 now valid.
Sugar—Stamps 30, 21 and 22.

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By EARL L. DOUGLAS

NOT THE HEAVY HAND
Often we class among the great
such world conquerors as Attila the
Hun, Ivan the Terrible, Napoleon—
men of force without gentleness—
who swept across continents like a
forest fire, leaving behind no green
leaf or singing bird but blackened
stumps and gray ashes and the
wetting bones of their victims.
Yet, when we think a little more
deeply, we see that these men were
not the truly great men.

Who have been the truly great
men? Let us call the roll: Moses,
through whom God gave the Ten
Commandments, Socrates the philo-
sopher, Plato his colleague, Pericles
the great builder. The greatest citi-
zen the Roman Empire ever pro-
duced was the Apostle Paul who
wrote the thirteenth chapter of I
Corinthians, the Hymn of Love.
How about Tolstoy as the greatest
Russian that ever lived? Would we
not consider Shakespeare greater
than William the Conqueror or
Lord Nelson or the Duke of Wellington?
In our own country we look
upon Abraham Lincoln as the epitome
of greatness. They called him kindly
Abe.

Of course the greatest man that
humanity has produced is the One
who expired on the cross, saying
"Father forgive them for they know
not what they do." History is dated
from the birth of this One Who in
His career set forth the superiority
of gentleness and love over human
might.

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AMERICA IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington.—When "Cotton Ed"
Smith, veteran South Carolina sen-
ator, took the count from Gov. Olin
D. Johnston in his Democratic pri-
mary fight for re-nomination, news-
paper men queried informed South
Carolinians in the capital for their
opinion on what happened.

The views thinned down to four
main themes:

1. The 35-year-old senator went
into the race without the opposi-
tion of President Roosevelt. In 1932
the President invaded South Caro-
lina and gave public endorsement to
Johnston. Smith belittled "dicta-
tion" and won handily. This time
Mr. Roosevelt stayed out. South
Carolinians don't say his opposition
would have elected Cotton Ed, but
they do say it would have given
Smith a target and would have cut
down the margin of his defeat.

2. Cotton Ed ran a personal sort
of campaign, without a strong po-
litical organization behind him.
He's not so vigorous as he once
was, his stumping was not so fiery,
and he fell to Johnston's tight
state organization, reaching into
the counties.

3. Both Smith and the other
South Carolina senator, Burnet
Maybank, are from the lower part
of the state. Johnston hails from
Spartanburg, in the populous up-
per " Piedmont" section.

4. In 36 years in the Senate—
Smith is rounding out his sixth
term—any man is going to pile up
a lot of grudges.

In South Carolina, as in most
southern states, the Democratic
nomination means the same as elec-
tion because Republicans are weak
in these states.

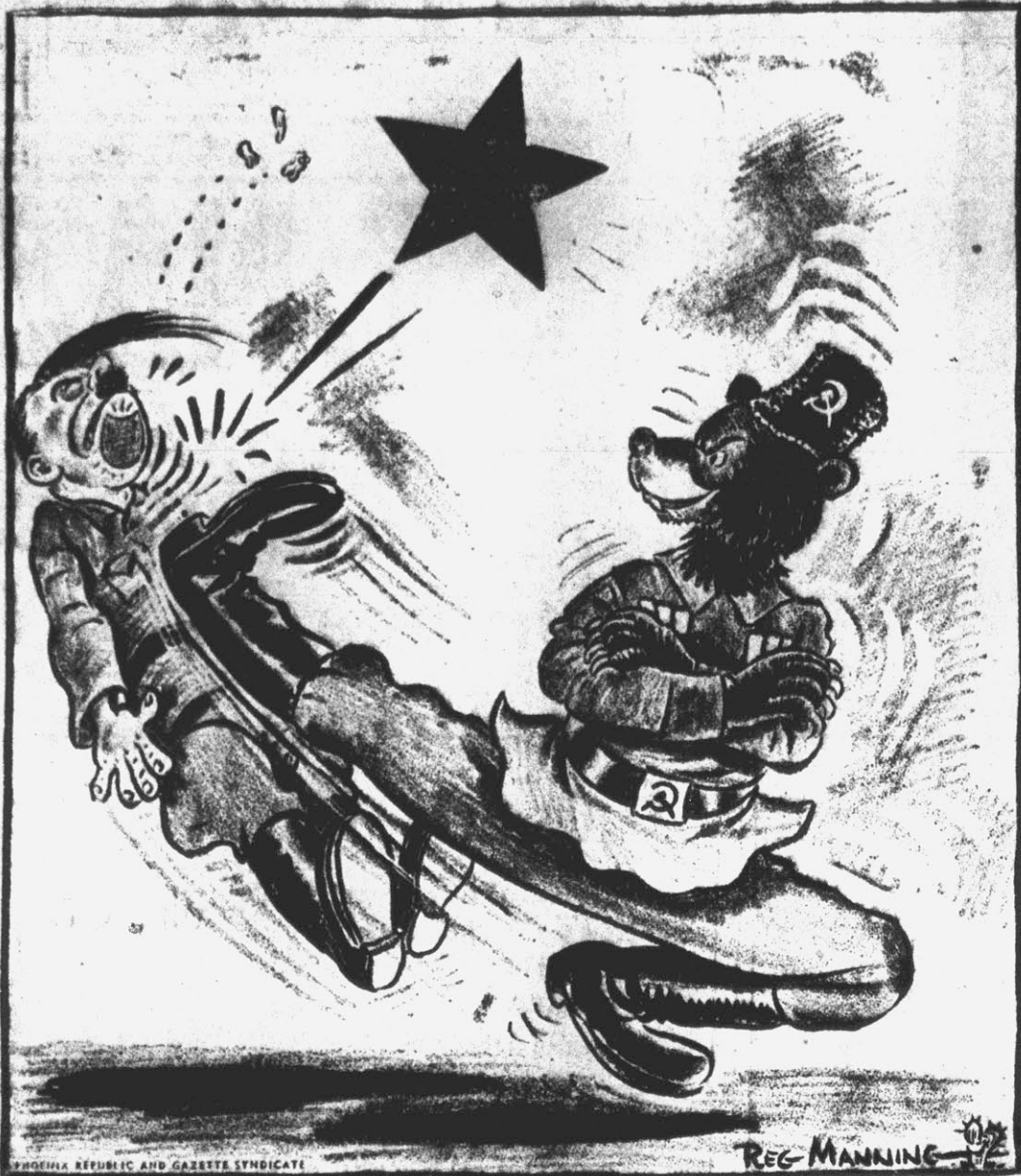
Rebbery in Washington saw much
optimal significance in Cotton Ed's
defeat—nor in the defeat of Sen.
Hattie W. Caraway, who sought
renomination in the Arkansas Dem-
ocratic primary.

Mrs. Caraway succeeded her hus-
band Sen. Thaddeus H. Caraway,
after he died in 1931. She was the
only woman member of the Sen-
ate. She is a strong New Dealer
and has voted consistently for
measures proposed by the admin-
istration.

However, the leader in the pri-
mary voting, Rep. J. W. Fulbright,
is a strong New Dealer too. Ap-
parently, Arkansas voters simply
wanted a younger senator. Ful-
bright, a Rhodes scholar, is 39. He
gained considerable fame by op-
posing a House resolution pledging
the United States to take part in a
world peace organization.

Fulbright did not win a clear ma-

The Mad Rush In



larity of the votes, so he will have
to go into a "run-off" primary
August 8 against Gov. Homer M.
Adkins.

The battle will be interesting be-
cause Adkins ousted Fulbright as
president of the University of Ar-
kansas in 1941.

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of the brain, although he is said to
be doing well. One wonders how
much the Nazis have felt the loss
of his undoubted skill. They likely
wish now he could have remained
on the job, to settle the argument
with his old antagonist, Montgom-
ery.

For my money Monty is the bet-
ter man by a long way. I followed
the tracks of the Montgomery-
Rommel duel from El Alamein to
Bengasi, close to 600 miles, and any-
one who saw the pattern in the
sands of the desert couldn't doubt
who was top man.

Allied progress in the battle of
France is indeed gratifying. As
Montgomery says, "we are hitting
the Hun a good crack." So are the
Red armies, and the Allies in Italy.
Still, we shouldn't let this good
fortune blind us to the fact that this
is the moment when we are expend-
ing our greatest volume of material
on the flaming fronts. We mustn't
slacken the essential production for
a minute or we shall lose our chance
for an early knockout. While we
may have a good supply of some
types of equipment, our fighting
men are expending other material
in such vast quantities that we can't
keep up with it unless we go all out
all the time.

Aldermen In ...

(Continued From Page One)

The board accepted the resigna-
tion of Alderman Dave Evans, who
will shortly move from the fourth to
the second ward, and praised him
for outstanding service. W. H. (Bill)
Smith, livestock dealer, was ap-

pointed to serve Evans' unexpired
term. The mayor appointed L. M.
Buchanan on the Finance and In-
surance committee to succeed Evans.
Other committee appointments will
be made later.

The swimming pool was ordered
closed at the end of business on
Friday, August 4.

Alderman L. D. Fleming reported
that Lyman Nethercutt had been
appointed driver of a fire truck to
succeed Thane Banks, who entered
the armed forces. Appointment of a
successor to Ray Smith, fire truck
driver who resigned, will be made
later.

Routine business transacted was
as follows: Beer licenses issued to
Sig Fleming and Sylvester Wilson.
Install a light in an alley near the
Forbes property from Charles to
Brenda street; hearing report of
City Sanitarian J. T. Welch and a
letter from the governor urging the
saving of waste paper; reduction of
the privilege license tax on the
Greenville Spinners, Inc., from
\$100 to \$50; appropriation of \$50 for
the negro firemen's state conven-
tion delegates; recommendation
that an outboard motor be purchas-
ed for the fire department's boat
for rescue work on the river; au-
thorizing purchase of winter uni-
forms for firemen and policemen,
and some minor matters. Two new
garbage trucks have been received
for use by the Street Department.

A resolution was passed request-
ing the ABC Board to employ an ex-
tra officer for duty in the city
from September 1 to December 31.

South Africans ...

(Continued from page one)

west of Florence in the advance to
the river Greve.

The latest advance gave the 8th
army a strong hold on the hills two
miles northeast of Laramola. Gioio-
li, less than five miles southwest of
Florence, was captured in the course
of the thrust.

Enemy resistance continued
strong due south of Florence, after
the Nazis pulled back and permit-
ted South African armored units
employing American Sherman tanks
of imprudent, five and a half miles
due south of Florence's outskirts.

Despite this opposition, however,
there were indications that the
ruthless pressure on the contract-
ing are around Florence was steady-
ly breaking down Nazi strength and
the city might fall to Gen. Sir Har-
old Alexander's troops any time.

Artillery is now in a posi-
tion to shell enemy positions. The
Arno river crossings immediately
west of Florence and the bridge-
head across the Pesa river farther
to the west have been strengthened
sufficiently to become a grave
threat to German troops on the
south banks of the Arno.

The last defenses of Florence be-
gan collapsing only after many days
of the most bitter fighting and an
Allied spokesman declared the Ger-
man tactics of slow withdrawal with
numerous heavy counter-attacks
were costly to them.

An example of the toll taken of
the Nazis was the announcement
that the Eighth army captured 5-
000 prisoners in 24 days, ending Ju-
ly 27, only 2,000 less than the num-
ber captured in the preceding eight
weeks.

The losses in killed and wound-
ed has also been high," the spokes-
man said. "The enemy has no
deeply dug defense lines and, is
more vulnerable to Artillery and
bombing than on the Gustav and
Hitler lines."

In many instances losses com-
pelled the enemy to combine frag-
ments of battalions and even reg-
iments to form fighting units, the
spokesman added.

Although there were no major ac-
tions reported on the Fifth army
front, the Germans continued their
efforts to send their troops into
American lines on the south banks
of the Arno river.

In the coastal area near the
mouth of the Arno, heavy small
arms fire from the Americans broke
up an enemy attempt to send troops
across in small boats. In the same
area patrols combed out numerous
German snipers.

Germany May ...

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or the collapse of his will to resist.
But the possibility is not entirely
discounted in informed quarters
that the Germans may try one last
stand in the west—provided eastern
front developments permit—if they
can get back into their inner fort-
ress protected by the old Maginot
and Siegfried lines.

The enemy must still hope, since
it is the only one remaining to him,
to re-establish a war of position at
some point. But his troops have
been thrown so far off balance in
France that they almost certainly
will not be able to stop short of the
eastern French frontier.

This point, accepted by many
military men here, should become
further evident as General Dwight
D. Eisenhower develops his strategy
aimed at destroying Hitler's western
armies. This is expected to blossom
swiftly into new strikes and
more advances as the imminent
conquest of Brittany adds the fa-
cilities of Brest and St. Nazaire to
those of the crippled port of Cher-
bourg.

With three such ports the Allied

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armies in France may be supplied
not only from Britain but also di-
rectly from the United States. This
should mean an additional flow of
reinforcements and munitions in
the immediate future.

Confers With Polish Premier

Moscow, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Premier
Stalin conferred for 21-2 hours last
night with Premier Stanislaw Mik-
olajczyk, leader of the Polish gov-
ernment in exile who came here
from London for discussions con-
cerning the Polish-Russian ques-
tion.

No official statement was issued
afterward.
The Soviet press expressed the
view, meanwhile, that Gen. Kazi-
mierz Sosnkowski, commander-in-
chief of the exiled Polish govern-
ment, and his intimates were un-
acceptable to the Russians and that
the Polish Committee of National

Liberation, formed in Russia, was
the proper government for the uni-
fication of Poland politically.
American and British diplomatic
quarters maintained an attitude of
"restrained optimism" that a Polish
reappraisal might be achieved,
but Mikolajczyk had the doubly dif-
ficult task of trying to satisfy the
majority of his government in exile
as well as the Polish National Com-
mittee.

Tire Shortage More Critical

Washington, Aug. 4.—(AP)—
Backed by an army promise to fur-
nish some soldiers to help meet
manpower requirements, manufac-
turers of heavy truck and bus tires
turned today to the task of boosting
output 30 per cent in August and
September.

The new production goal to meet
the critical shortage of heavy con-
sumables was announced yesterday by

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YOUR TIRES WILL LAST"



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keeping you on the road because
new tires for everyone are still a
long ways off. You've got to make
the ones you have now do. So ...
follow these rules and you'll ride:
Drive only when necessary and
share your car.
Keep under 35.
Keep inflation up to recommended
pressures.

Avoid hitting holes, stones or curbs.
Avoid sudden starts and stops.
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prompt repairs when necessary.
Recap the moment the tread gets
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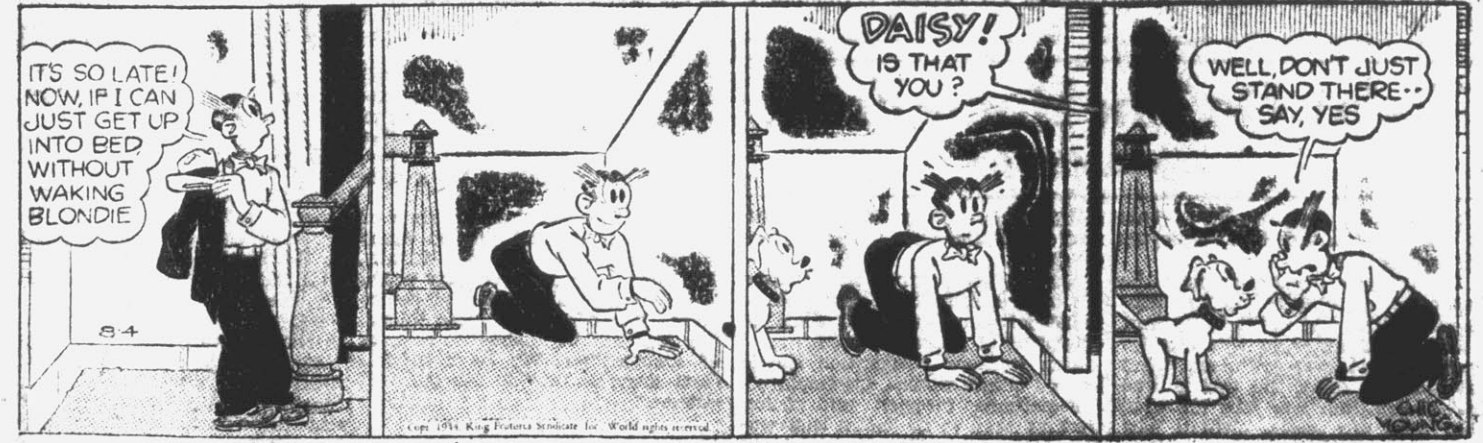
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WANTS

Wanted to buy—used medium-sized oil heater, in good condition. Call 2832. 4-3t

Nurse wanted for two-year-old child. Must have health certificate. Call 3895 or 3151. Mrs. R. C. Harrison. 1-6t

Just received a shipment of Curtains, full length, in assorted colors. \$1.95 pair. 20-21t

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Chocolate and Devil's Food Layer Cakes, Hot-dog Rolls and Brownies. People's Bakery.

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We have building paper to put under your cured tobacco. Also our special poison dust for collard bugs and worms. J. A. Watson, Seed and Hardware. 20-21t

For sale—one underwood standard typewriter, Gothic type, 18" carriage, \$125. One Underwood Master typewriter, Elite type, \$120. Both almost new condition. Burt Greene, Dial 2718. 2-3t

Just received—baby bath-nets, in pink and blue. Special at \$10.95. Only a few of these. Johnson's, 430 Evans St., Dial 4483. 4-3t

Hooker & Buchanan
INC.
Mutual Insurance
Next to Pitt Theatre Dial 2613

We have just received a new shipment of oil ranges. Van Dyke Furniture Co. 1-1t

Remington Sales & Service
—complete repair service on all makes typewriters and adding machines. Estimates cheerfully given. Taff Office Equipment Co., Phone 2674. 119 E. 5th St., Greenville, N. C. July 21-1mo.

Will the man who called 2292 concerning an ice refrigerator please call again. The address was lost.

Just received a new shipment of bedspreads, in assorted colors. Price range—\$3.45, \$5.45, \$12.95.

785 Dickinson Ave. Dial 4010

Arsenate of Lead, Paris green, Rotenone dust, tobacco twine, fruit jars, lids, caps, cement, Brimment, wall board, Acme quality paints, varnishes. Buy here and save. Dial's Hatchery, Ayden, N. C., phone 3271. 1-1t

For sale—six room house, College View section. Good neighborhood. Immediate possession. For appointment call Jake Hadley, Real Estate and Life Insurance, Dial 2784 or 2401. 4-1t

Wanted—white teachers—college graduates. In grammar grades and various high school subjects, including Vocational Home Economics, in large schools in Rockingham County, North Carolina. Nine months. States salary schedule. Schools are well equipped. Photo. Make complete application to Supt. J. C. Colley, Wentworth, North Carolina. 29-14t

Drum's Hatchery and Feed Store—Dial 2537. We have in stock all poultry and livestock feeds, including Omolene, a special horse and mule feed. Full line of Purina disinfectants, including AA grade fly spray. Purina dog chow, Purina and Rex Hunter's dog remedies. Poultry supplies, metal feeders and waterers. Visit the Checkboard store for quality products. 12-eod-1f

For sale—pedigreed English setter bird puppies. Ready for delivery August 1st. Papers furnished with each puppy. Nugent and Sports Peerless breeding. B. B. Drum, Drum's Hatchery and Feed Store. 12-eod-1f

For sale—nice homes, small or large, city or suburban. Also some farms. Cash or terms. We buy or sell. If it's real estate see us. J. Hicks Corey Agency, Dial 2615, Greenville, N. C. Tue-Fri-1f

Wanted—all people suffering from kidney trouble or backache to try "Kiddo"—97c. Money back guarantee, at Warren Drug Co., Greenville; Sauls' Drug Store, Ayden. Tue-Fri-1f

For sale—fourteen cords of nice hardwood, on highway, five miles from Greenville. Call 2792 at night. 4-3t

Stolen—night of August 1—1939 Chevrolet Coach, black. License No. 539-911. Any information will be appreciated by owner. Notify Police Department.

CURE MARKET—PLENTY OF fresh vegetables. Open 7 a. m. to 9 a. m. Come to see us. Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Mrs. 4-3t

Wanted to buy—used medium-sized oil heater, in good condition. Call 2832. 4-3t

Home and Good Investment—7-room 2-story, good condition, Albemarle Ave., near depot. Future business property, for only \$4,000. Terms if desired. Stallworth or Tripp, Dial 2401. 1-1t

For sale—self-player piano—in good condition. J. H. Heath, 211 Wilson St., Farmville, N. C. 3-3t

FUEL OIL—KEROSENE
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TOMMY CARAWAN
Dial 2225 Greenville, N. C.

We have a large stock of paris green, arsenate of lead, old-fashioned metal tobacco thermometers and tobacco twine. J. A. Watson, Seed and Hardware. 20-21t

We have rutabaga and turnip seed. All new seed. Just arrived. J. A. Watson, Seed and Hardware. 20-21t

Protect your future earnings now by protecting your tobacco crop. Get your arsenate of lead now as supply is limited. Dial 3286. R. F. McLawhon & Sons. 3-3t

Wanted—by marine captain and wife, no children—modern furnished house. Write Capt. Ahern, Box 309, Greenville. 3-6t

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We have arsenate of lead, tobacco twine, thermometers and lanterns. Also get our prices on paint before you buy. Keel Supply Co., Seed, Feed and Hardware. 17-1f

For sale—four home washing machines in A-1 condition. Also Electric Irons and Flat Irons. Apply at L. Parker's Laundry, Second Street, Ayden, N. C., near depot. 8-3t

From the finest lacquer paint job to the best synthetic work with a reasonable price; visit Briley's Paint Shop now located since the fire on Monday on East Fifth Street extension (Washington Highway). Telephone 4346. Opposite Rivers' Service Station. 3-6t

New York Cotton
New York, Aug. 4—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 20 cents a bale lower.

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News that the corn crop on August 1 was 74 per cent of normal compared with a 72 per cent 10-year average was reassuring in the rye market and the demand dropped sharply.

At the close wheat was 1/4 to 1/2 lower than yesterday's finish. September \$1.55. Oats were off 1/4 to 1/2, September 71c. Rye was 1/4 to 1/2 lower, September \$1.06. Barley was off 1/4 to 1/2, September \$1.13.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Aug. 4—(AP)—Low-priced motors absorbed the speculative buying play in today's stock market as many leaders either stood still or backed into moderately losing territory.

Trading picked up to around 1,000,000 shares for the five hours, best in about two weeks.

FINAL STOCKS

Allegheny	2 1/2
Al Chem and Dye	147
Alis Chal Mfg	37 1/2
Am Can	30 3/4
Am Car Pdy	39
Am Roll Mill	15 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	40
A T and T	163 1/4
Am Tob B	7 1/2
Anacosta	25 1/2
A C L	38 1/2
Alu Ref	31
Avist Corp	4 1/2
B and O	8 1/2
Barnsdall	16
Bendix Aviat	38 1/2
Both Stl	61 1/2
Breng Alprl	13 1/2
Burden	32
Budd Mfg	10 1/2
Bur Mill	31 1/2
Eur Add Mach	14
Case J I	36
Caterpil Trac	49 1/2
Cies and O	46 1/2
Chrysler	98 1/2
Coca Cola	135
Coml Credit	41 1/2
Coml Solv	2 1/2
Consol Edis	24 1/2
Cons Can	40
Corn Prod	58 1/2
Curtiss Wright	5 1/2
Doug Air	57 1/2
Dupont	153
Eastman Kod	163 1/2
Firestone	47 1/2
Gm Elec	37 1/2
Gen Foods	43
Gen Mot	60 1/2
Goodrich	50
Goodyear	46
Int Harvest	77 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	18 1/2
Johns Man	97
Kearncott	31 1/2
Leav and Myers B	64 1/2
Lewis	19 1/2
Lorillard	47
Mont Ward	15 1/2
Nash Kely	22 1/2
Nat Biscuit	31 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	34 1/2
Nat Dist	19 1/2
N Y Cent	18 1/2
No Am Aviat	8 1/2
Packard	5 1/2
Param Pic	26 1/2
Pennney J C	103 1/2
Penn R	29 1/2
Peps Cola	55
Phillips Pet	44 1/2
Pullman	47
Pure Oil	15 1/2
Radio	10 1/2
Rm Rand	19 1/2
Republic Stl	101 1/2
Reynolds B	32 1/2
Sears	94 1/2
Sou Ry	25 1/2
Std Brands	30
Std Oil N J	54 1/2
Stewart Warner	29 1/2
Swift	20 1/2
Tex Co	47 1/2
Union Carbide	79
United Air	28 1/2
United Corp	1 1/2
United Drug	15 1/2
US Rubber	49 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	57
US Steel	57 1/2
Verdum	19 1/2
Vick Chem	47
va Caro Chem	4
Warner Pict	13
Western Union A	46 1/2
West El and Mfg	103
Woolworth	41 1/2

Leaf Prices in Georgia Steady
Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 4—(AP)—The end of the first week of selling on the Georgia-Florida markets found prices steady and showing tendencies of flattening out.

Better grades still held around \$40 per hundred pounds, but the general average as reported by the tobacco division of the War Food Administration here, was \$39.42 per hundred, with the season's best average for 6,637,218 pounds at \$39.09. Sales for the season on all markets totaled 19,282,068 pounds.

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St. Louis 71 26 .732
Cincinnati 54 42 .563
Pittsburgh 50 42 .543
Chicago 44 47 .484
New York 46 51 .474
Boston 39 56 .411
Philadelphia 37 55 .402
Brooklyn 35 60 .369

American League
St. Louis 59 42 .584
Boston 52 46 .531
New York 50 46 .521
Cleveland 51 51 .500
Detroit 46 50 .480
Chicago 45 56 .446
Philadelphia 42 56 .429

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
National League
Chicago 6-7, Brooklyn 2-1.
St. Louis 15, Pittsburgh 2.
Others, not scheduled.

American League
Chicago 3-5, Cleveland 2-1.
Others not scheduled.

Report Shake-Up Bulgaria Today

By The Associated Press

A Sofia dispatch broadcast by the German radio announced today the replacement of Director-General Benchev of Bulgarian home affairs and a half dozen other changes in administrative offices of Bulgaria and her sub-divisions.

It was not indicated what effect these shifts might have upon Bulgarian participation in the war as an Axis partner. Prime Minister Churchill warned Wednesday that Bulgaria's moment for getting out of the conflict "is passing swiftly."

Constantin Michailov, former judge in the Sofia district court, was appointed director general of the home office to succeed Benchev, the Sofia dispatch said.

Director of Administration Mandev was dismissed and a man named Chobanov, identified as a "former director of the Rasgrad district," was appointed to that post.

Other changes were reported by the dispatch to have affected local government presidencies of the capital and other Bulgarian cities, a reserve general named Rashkov taking over in Sofia.

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Seeks Probe Of Liquor Monopoly

Washington, Aug. 4—(AP)—A senate committee challenged the liquor industry today to turn loose what it called hoarded stocks of whiskey to ease a shortage for consumers.

It also suggested the Justice Department look into alleged attempts at monopoly of big distillers and in this connection, Wendell Berge, assistant attorney general, commented: "We are all seeking the same end."